

# TOWARD A NEW WORLD

Anticipations  
of the Universal Day of  
Prayer for Students  
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The period of demobilization must not become a period of demoralization.—*John R. Mott.*

As I believe that the heart of democracy is belief in the equal spiritual value of every person, then Jesus of Nazareth is the founder of the democratic principle.—*Bishop Gore.*

History leads me to dread war for the time that comes after.—*Bishop Gore.*

In one breath we are saying, "Thank God, at last it is over!" and also, "Thank God, we can now go ahead!"—*J. L. Murray.*

Just so far as we will to create a better life from the ashes of the old, do we perfect the sacrifice offered by heroic souls on land and sea. Just so far as we are content, the struggle over, to slip back into the old ruts of social, political, and economic suspicion, and injustice, do we make the sacrifice vain. The peace, whenever it comes, will find us confronted with new issues in a new world. We must not only pray for their approach in an ideal spirit, as though it were a matter which concerned our brother and not ourselves. Each one of us must guard the citadel of our own hearts, and keep alive that spirit of charity and understanding through which alone the nation, acting collectively, will be able to transfer material triumph into spiritual good.—*V. R. Markham.*

## Pray for the Countries Just Emerging from the War:

especially the bereaved, the maimed and sick,  
those who live in devastated regions;  
for the countries of the world not involved in  
the war.

But first of all the starved, abused bodies of men, women, and children must be restored as much as possible by food and medical care. And the crazed minds, darkened by dreadful memories, must be awakened to new hope.—*The Outlook*.

WE bring before Thee, O Lord, the troubles and perils of peoples and nations, the sighing of prisoners and captives, the sorrows of the bereaved, the necessities of strangers, the helplessness of the weak, the despondency of the weary, the failing powers of the aged. O Lord, draw near to each; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.—*St. Anselm*.

O GOD, Who art the Father of all, and Who alone makest men to be of one mind in a house, we beseech Thee, at this time of strife and unrest, to grant to us, by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit, a fuller realization of our brotherhood, man with man in Thee; allay all anger and bitterness, and deepen in us a sense of truth and equity in our dealings one with another; for the sake of Thy Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen—*Archbishop of Canterbury*.

## Pray that a New World May Be Builded in Righteousness:

for guidance in forming a League of Nations  
supported by a Christian spirit within all na-  
tions;

for all missionaries that they may be faithful  
ambassadors for Christ;

for the World's Student Christian Federation.

If after this war the nations are turned into armed camps  
it is quite certain that war will break out again and with another  
war our civilization will go down into ruins.—*Bishop Gore.*

**O**H God of Nations, who, through prophets of  
old, hast foretold the day when armaments of  
war shall be beaten into implements of peace, hasten,  
we beseech Thee, the fulfilment of this Thy most  
sure promise. As Thou hast graciously carried us  
by Thy triumphant arm through conflict to victory,  
so guide us through victory to abiding peace. Quell  
the haughty cries of the nations. Scatter the peoples  
that delight in war, and speed the coming of the  
time when the kingdoms of this world shall become  
the Kingdom of our Lord, through Jesus Christ that  
Prince of Peace, our Savior.—*Bishop Brent.*

**O**KING of Nations unto the ends of the earth:  
Strengthen all the kingdoms and states of the  
whole world,  
As being Thy ordinance, for so Thou hast created  
man.  
Scatter the people that delight in war.  
Make wars to cease unto the ends of the  
earth. . . .



Remember Thy whole creation for good;  
Visit the world in Thy compassion.

—*Bishop Andrewes.*

**A**LMIGHTY and most merciful God, we most humbly praise and bless Thy Name for Thy many blessings bestowed upon the World's Student Christian Federation. We pray Thee still to bless and prosper its work, and graciously to use it for the fulfilment of Thy purposes in the establishment of peace among all nations, the restoration of visible unity of Thy Church, the removal of all social injustice, and the evangelization of the world.

Give wisdom, faith, and courage to all who direct the policy of the Federation; keep in health and safety those who work and travel for it; and grant that by its means the students in all lands may be brought into relations of love and sympathy with one another, and may earnestly and wisely unite in Thy service, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Pray for Our Nation:

for those still in poverty;  
for all workers;  
for industrial justice;  
for those in military service;  
for those returning from military service;  
for a general spirit of service to the common  
good.

Every day deeds of faith, love and renunciation are done by the score and the hundred which will never be recorded, and every one of which is noble enough to make an immortal song. All over the broken map of Europe, through stricken thousands of square miles, such deeds are being done, by Serbians, Russians, Poles, Belgians, French and English—yes, and Germans too—the souls of men and women rising above the bodies, flinging them away for the sake of a Cause.—*Owen Wister.*

**B**LESS our soldiers and sailors for their swift obedience and their willingness to answer to the call of duty, but inspire them none the less with a hatred of war, and may they never for love of private glory or advancement provoke its coming. May our young men still rejoice to die for their country with the valor of their fathers, but teach our age nobler methods of matching our strength and more effective ways of giving our life for the flag.

O thou strong Father of all nations, draw all thy great family together with an increasing sense of our common blood and destiny, that peace may come on earth at last, and thy sun may shed its light rejoicing on a holy brotherhood of peoples. Amen.—*Walter Rauschenbusch.*

## Confession for Our Past Indifference and Neglect:

that our lives have not been wholly guided by love;  
that we have given place to envy and selfishness;  
that the social ideals of our colleges are not worthy of being "writ large" in the world.

Our task is . . . to remove the idea of rivalry from our minds and all the illusions that spring from it. A nation is made up of men and women, and it cannot be Christian to other nations unless they in their thoughts and words are Christian to other nations. It is wrong thinking that causes war, and the thinking is done not by an abstract nation but by the men and women who compose it.—*A Clutton-Brock.*

WHEREINSOEVER we have erred and strayed from Thy ways, whereinsoever we have come short, or done that which we ought not to have done, graciously forgive us, we beseech Thee. Help us to turn from all evil, to that which is holy and good. Teach us to love what is right, and to do it forever; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.—*Professor Knight.*

O ALMIGHTY GOD, pardon the luxury of our age, and grant that those who live in stately dwellings and fare sumptuously every day may be brought so to hunger and thirst after righteousness that they may be filled with Thine everlasting sweetness, and may not be shut out from the eternal home which Thou hast provided for such as wait upon Thee in holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.—"*Intercessory Manual.*"



## Pray for the Church:

for the agencies of the Church especially the Student Young Men's Christian Association;  
that every effort may be blessed which looks toward a "league of churches";  
that a larger number of professors and masters may give themselves to personal work for Christ;  
that those groups of students called Christian Associations may be steadied, stimulated, made "flames of fire."

But our churches are stirred today as never before by a longing to rise out of the grooves of custom and inherited method and conventional piety, and really to federate efforts in advancing those primal truths in Christianity which underlie all divergencies of creed or race.—*William H. P. Faunce.*

**G**RACIOUS FATHER, we humbly beseech Thee for Thy Universal Church. Fill it with all truth, in all truth with all peace. Where it is corrupt, purge it; and where it is in error, direct it; where it is superstitious, rectify it; where anything is amiss, reform it; where it is right, strengthen and confirm it; where it is in want, furnish it; where it is divided and rent asunder, make up the breaches thereof, O Thou holy One of Israel; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.—*Archbishop Laud.*

## Pray for All Colleges and Schools:

that the colleges may become more and more centers for simple living and high thinking;  
that all education may realize a social mission;  
that all luxury and snobbery may be driven out;  
that a greatly increased number of students may give themselves to the work of the Church abroad.

We need men and women who will count it a glorious thing to give their sons and daughters to the Holy War, and to whom the sacrifice of money and ease, which they have gladly made for the time of this war, has become the habit of their lives in that War for the Kingdom which shall never cease till the kingdoms of this world have become the Kingdom of the Lord and of His Christ.—*Ruth Rouse.*

**P**RESERVE, O Lord, our colleges as the bulwarks of Thy Church, and root out of them whatever is contrary to faith and morals; but chiefly revive in them such a spirit of devotion that they may send forth many to the work of Thy Church at home and abroad, loving Thee with a pure love and resolved to offer themselves a sacrifice to Thee in winning others to Thy love; through Jesus Christ. Amen.—*"Intercessory Manual."*

## Let Us Pray for Ourselves:

for purity of life;  
for release from narrow precedents and prejudices;  
for a growing sense of personal responsibility in perpetuating the spirit of the Lord Jesus;  
that love, nothing else, may guide my life here on the campus, and always, even for the last man in the last nation.

If I regard iniquity in my heart  
the Lord will not hear me.—*Psalm 66:18.*

**O** GOD, the God of all goodness and of all grace, Who art worthy of a greater love than we can either give or understand; fill our hearts, we beseech Thee, with such love toward Thee, that nothing may seem too hard for us to do or to suffer in obedience to Thy will; and grant that thus loving Thee, we may become daily more like unto Thee, and finally obtain the crown of life which Thou hast promised to those that love Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.—*Farnham Hostel Manual.*

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